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## Response to Communication Paper # 6

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| Use of Serine Protease Inhibitors to<br>Inhibit Pathophysiology and<br>Neuropathology in a Host |
| July 6, 2000  |
| Hoffman et al.  |
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Sir:

This Paper is responsive to the Communication of October 4, 2001.

In the Communication of October 4, 2001, the Examiner stated that newly submitted claims 26-42 were directed to invention that was distinct from the "constructively elected" invention. As such, these newly presented claims were withdrawn from consideration and the response that was filed with the newly submitted claims was deemed non-responsive.

In response, the Applicant's submit herewith a Continuation Prosecution Application and respectfully request that newly submitted claims 26-42 be examined in light thereof.

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number THUR001.

> Respectfully submitted, **BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP**

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